assistance to States for the infrastructure development. Under the Growth Centre Scheme aimed at promoting industrialisation of backward areas in the country, four Growth Centres have been sanctioned to the State of Madhya Pradesh and central assistance to the tune of Rs. 35.50 crore has been released for these centres.

Trade promotion organisation complex at Madurai and Coimbatore

1947 SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for setting up of Trade Promotion Organisation Complex at Madurai and Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K S. ELANGOVAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No proposal for setting up of a Trade Promotion Organisation Complex at Madurai and Coimbatore has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu

Karnataka light soil tobacco crop

1948. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Light Soil tobacco crop for the coming season is likely to be lower than last year due to failure of backing rains during the month of July, 2004,

(b) whether the KLS tobacco growers in Mysore region had anticipated a bumper KLS crop this year based on the normal rainfall, have since scaled down the yield expectations; and

(c) whether considering the huge export earning potential of KLS tobacco, Government would provide special incentives for KLS tobacco growers in the State?